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#### WARNING LETTER

May 22, 2014

Mrs. Cathy Taylor Director, Electric Environmental Services Dominion 5000 Dominion Boulevard Glen Allen VA 23060

Revision of WL dated May 9, 2014 - Corrected monitoring period & noted verbal notification

RE: Warning Letter No. W2014-05-L-1009

Dominion Clover Power Station VPDES Permit No. VA0083097

Dear Mrs. Taylor:

The Department of Environmental Quality ("DEQ" or "the Department") has reason to believe that the **Dominion** may be in violation of the State Water Control Law and Regulations at the **Dominion – Clover Power Station.** 

This letter addresses conditions at the facility named above, and also cites compliance requirements of the State Water Control Law and Regulations. Pursuant to Va. Code § 62.1-44.15 (8a), this letter is not a case decision under the Virginia Administrative Process Act, Va. Code § 2.2-4000 *et seq*.

### **OBSERVATIONS AND LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The **Dominion – Clover Power Station** submitted discharge monitoring reports (DMRs) to DEQ's Blue Ridge Regional Office - Lynchburg, including the following *relevant* data results. The following describe the staff's factual observations and identify the applicable legal requirements.

Month: March 2014				Outfall # 002 VA			0083097			
		Quantity or Loading			Quali	ty or Concent	ration			
PARAMETER		Average	Maximum	Units	Minimum	Average	Maximum	Units	No. Ex.	Frequency Of Analysis
004 TSS	Reported						176.5	MG/L		
	Requirement						* 50.0	MG/L		

\* The VPDES permit for this facility, effective January 13, 2011 contains conditions that enumerate the effluent limitations in this column. Va. Code § 62.1-44.5 prohibits waste discharges or other quality alterations of state waters except as authorized by permit. 9 VAC 25-31-50 provides that "except in compliance with a VPDES permit, or another permit, issued by the board, it shall be unlawful for any person to discharge into state waters sewage, industrial wastes, other wastes, or any noxious or deleterious substances."

## **ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY**

Va. Code § 62.1-44.23 of the State Water Control Law provides for an injunction for any violation of the State Water Control Law, any State Water Control Board rule or regulation, an order, permit condition, standard, or any certificate requirement or provision. Va. Code § 62.1-44.15 and 62.1-44.32 provide for a civil penalty up to \$32,500 per day of each violation of the same. In addition, Va. Code § 62.1-44.15 authorizes the State Water Control Board to issue orders to any person to comply with the State Water Control Law and regulations, including the imposition of a civil penalty for violations of up to \$100,000. Also, Va. Code § 10.1-1186 authorizes the Director of DEQ to issue special orders to any person to comply with the State Water Control Law and regulations, and to impose a civil penalty of not more than \$10,000. Va. Code § 62.1-44.32 (b) and 62.1-44.32 (c) provide for other additional penalties.

The Court has the inherent authority to enforce its injunction, and is authorized to award the Commonwealth its attorneys' fees and costs.

# **FUTURE ACTIONS**

We received verbal notification on April 4 and your letter of explanation via eDMR April 9, 2014. No further response from you is necessary at this time unless you have additional information to share regarding this deficiency. If corrective action will take longer than 90 days to complete, you may be asked to sign a Letter of Agreement or enter into a Consent Order with the Department to formalize the plan and schedule. It is DEQ policy that appropriate, timely, corrective action undertaken in response to a Warning Letter will avoid adversarial enforcement proceedings and the assessment of civil charges or penalties.

Please advise us if you dispute any of the observations recited herein or if there is other information of which DEQ should be aware. In the event that discussions with staff do not lead to a satisfactory conclusion concerning the contents of this letter, you may elect to participate in DEQ's Process for Early Dispute Resolution. If you complete the Process for Early Dispute Resolution and are not satisfied with the resolution, you may request in writing that DEQ take all necessary steps to issue a case decision where appropriate. For further information on the Process for Early Dispute Resolution, please visit the Department's website under "Laws & Regulations" and "DEQ regulations" at:

http://www.deq.state.va.us/Programs/Enforcement/LawsRegulationsGuidance.aspx or ask the DEQ contact listed below.

Your contact at DEQ in this matter is **Peggy Barbour**. Please direct written materials to her attention. If you have questions or wish to arrange a meeting, you may reach her directly at (434) 582-6203 or Peggy.Barbour@deq.virginia.gov.

Sincerely,

Nelson Dail

Water Compliance and Land Application Manager

(540) 562-6754

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cc: Mr. Rick Woolard, Dominion, Dominion, 5000 Dominion Boulevard, Glen Allen VA 23060 Peggy Barbour, Water Compliance Auditor, BRRO Lynchburg Marvin Booth, Enforcement Representative, BRRO Lynchburg (via-e-mail) Compliance File

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES)
DISCHARGE MONITORING REPORT (DMR)

DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (REGIONAL OFFICE) South Central Regional Office 7705 Timberlake Rd

Lynchburg, VA 24502

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 002 MONITORING PERIOD PERMIT NUMBER YEAR MO DAY VA0083097 60 2014 FROM

Old Dominion Electric Cooperative Clover P.O. Box 245 Clover. VA 24534

NAME: ADDRESS:

State Routes 600 and 778 Clover, VA 23058

FACILITY LOCATION:

PERMITTEE NAME/ADDRESS (INCLUDE FACILTY NAME/LOCATION IF DIFFERENT)

NOTE: READ PERMIT AND GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM.

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GENERAL PERMIT REQUIREMENTS OR COMMENTS: An explanation and corrective actions for the permit limit exceedences submitted at Outfail 902 is attached to this EDMR. OUTFAIL-SPECIFIC COMMENTS:
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